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Title: DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CONTRAST AGENTS WITH EXTENDED
BLOOD RETENTION

The prior application is assigned of record to Epix Medical, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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Specification	59
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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of United States Patent Application No. 10/034,522, filed December 20, 2001, which is a continuation of United States Application No. 08/875,365, filed December 12, 1997, which is a §371 application of International Patent Application No. PCT/US96/00164 (WO 96/23526), filed January 16, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application 08/382,317, filed February 1, 1995. The

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disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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